

# How Uncle Sam Will Celebrate His Birthday, the Glorious Fourth

BY JOHN ELFRETH WATKINS.

THE sun of the Glorious Fourth will not set upon Uncle Sam's birthday enthusiasm. In every corner of the earth that date of dates will be observed.

Even the mother country will witness the celebration of her quondam daughter's emancipation. There will be at least two independence day functions in "dear old London." In the afternoon Ambassador Reid will throw wide the doors of palatial Dorchester House to all Americans dwelling in or visiting the world's metropolis.

From 3,000 to 4,000 of these are expected to pass in procession up the grand staircase, through the libraries, picture galleries and halls into the great drawing room where our envoy, his wife and staff, with their ladies and various guests of honor, as well as our consular officers from the provinces, will bid them welcome. Many British dignitaries will also have the grace to call and pay their respects and most of the American peereesses who are in London will, if they follow custom, pay this tribute to the land of their birth.

From the great drawing-room the army of guests will file out upon the lawn and terraces to partake of refreshments in picturesque "marquee tents" pitched about the grass. Traffic on the streets about our splendid ambassadorial residence will be blocked during the two hours that the function is in progress, and music will charm the ear of all listeners gathered both inside the mansion and in the grounds.

In the evening the annual Independence Day banquet of the American Society of London will be held in the Hotel Cecil. Ambassador Reid will be the guest of honor. He will toast King George in response to a British toast to President Taft. Eloquent Englishmen and Americans will pay glowing tributes, each to the other's country, and Anglo-American entente cordiale will be tempered to even greater strength.

Elsewhere in the British capital are usually other celebrations of American natal day. Thus a year ago the late British editor, William T. Stead, presided at a London celebration by veterans of our Civil War and declared George Washington to have been "the greatest Englishman of the eighteenth century." A feature of the July Fourth celebration a year before was a polo game at Hurlingham, ending in a victory of the American team over its British opponent.

**Pilgrimage to Lafayette's Tomb.**

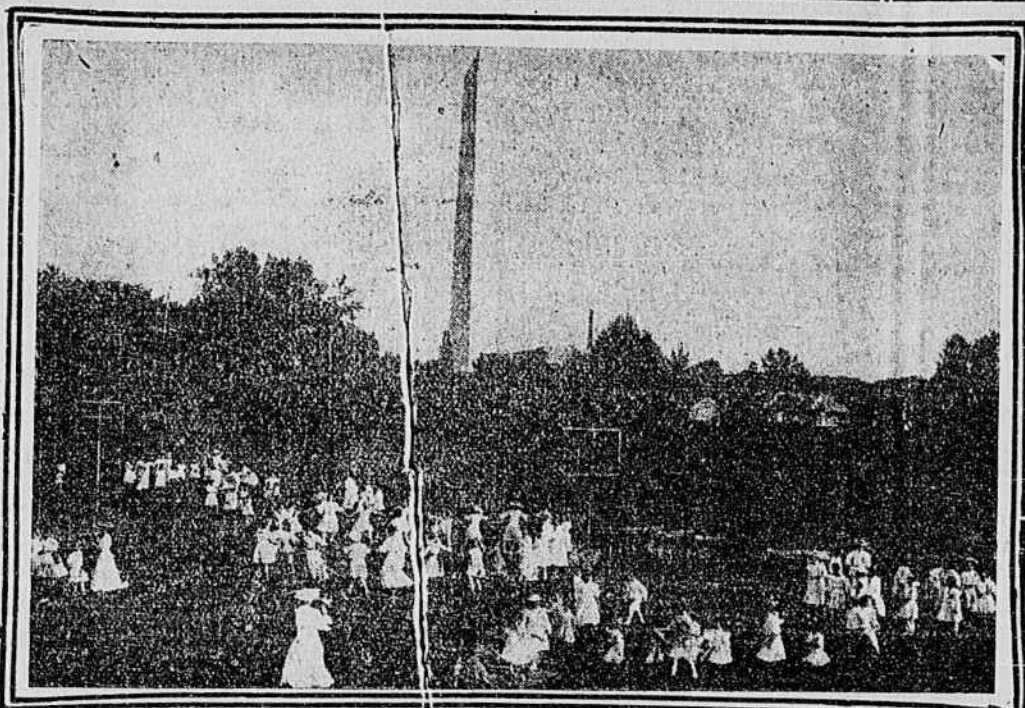
Americans in Paris will pay their usual Independence Day tribute to Lafayette. After laying wreaths upon his statue in the Place du Louvre they will make their annual pilgrimage to his tomb in the Picpus Cemetery, where his body lies beside that of his wife.

In the afternoon there will be a reception at the American embassy, similar to that held in London, and in the evening there will be the annual Independence Day banquet of the American Chamber of Commerce at the Hotel du Palais d'Orsay, our ambassador being the guest of honor. He and a list of American and French officials will make addresses laudatory of their respective countries. About 500 covers will be laid, and a luxurious repast will be served.

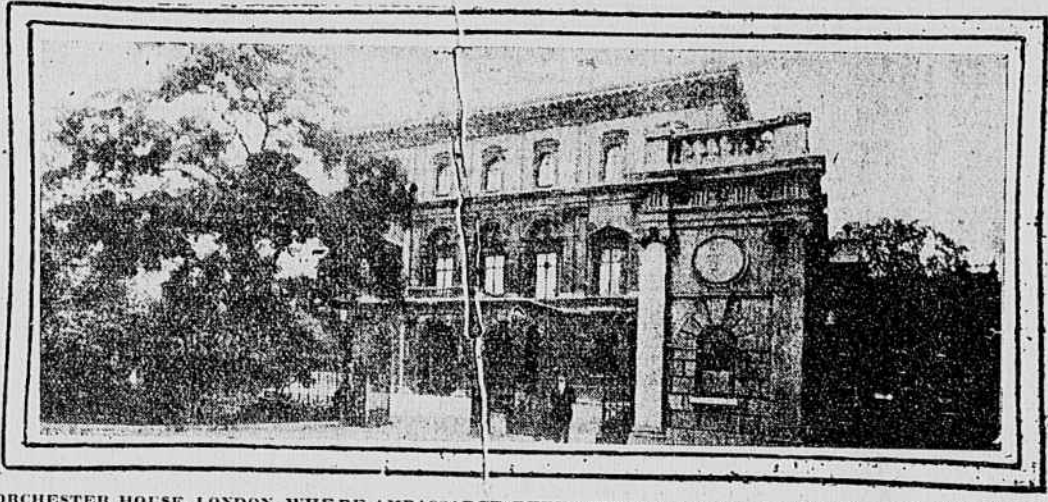
Paris enters into her Fourth of July spirit more than any other city of Europe. Her streets fairly bristle with American flags on that date, and the big hotels arrange special souvenir menus and special musical programs commemorative of the anniversary.

In the Latin quarter the French students delight in aiding their American colleagues to do honor to the day. Last year this joint celebration began on the eve of the Fourth with a torchlight procession of students, headed by military bands. Then followed a monster students' ball, accompanied by negro minstrels, barn dances and illuminations.

On the day of the Fourth an army of American and French students, on horseback, attired as cowboys, Indiana horse thieves, soldiers, brigands and rough riders, paraded the streets of the Latin Quarter between bountiful dis-



PLAYGROUND FESTIVAL, FEATURE OF WASHINGTON'S FOURTH.



DORCHESTER HOUSE, LONDON, WHERE AMBASSADOR REID WILL HOLD HIS FOURTH OF JULY RECEPTION.

plays of the flags of both countries. And after this procession had culminated in a sensational attack upon an "overland mail wagon," supposed to be crossing the Luxembourg Gardens in the evening, a Louis XVI ballet, danced under the light of torches by students and girls of the Latin Quarter. The program then ended with historical tableaux depicting such events of international interest as the reception of Franklin at Versailles and that of Lafayette at Washington.

**Annual Picnic in Berlin.**

A merry Fourth of July picnic has long been an established event of the American colony in Berlin. A steamer is annually chartered for a sail up the picturesque, forest-girted River Spree, pronounced "Spray," and when the shady village of Grunow is reached all of the festive Yankoes disembark for a frolic on shore.

Field sports are always enjoyed, and of late it has become the custom to award medals to the victors. A good old American baseball game is an inevitable feature of the athletic program, and after other games, swimming races and events have been enjoyed, dinner is spread in a large grove by the riverside. Then follows a dance, enjoyed especially by the young people.

Similar excursions have been arranged for Independence Day by the American colony in Vienna, and one of the most delightful of those enjoyed in recent years was a sail down the Danube to the ancient Hungarian town of Pressburg, where the Magyar Kings used to be crowned.

At practically every capital of the world our embassy or legation is thrown open during the day for a Fourth of July function—a reception, garden party or luncheon—to the American residents, who hold a holiday dinner at night in one of the principal hotels or cafes. And it is interesting to note how our fellow-countrymen abroad band together in societies and associations.

Thus, like their American Society in London and their chamber of commerce in Paris, they have their Danish-American Association in Copenhagen, and their chamber of commerce in Brussels, each of which spreads its grand annual feast on Independence Day. At one of these recent July banquets in Copenhagen the crown prince was a guest and made a speech, and a specially arranged cantata, "The Fourth of July," was sung by a chorus of excellent voices. Concerts by American singers have been fea-

tures of our recent Independence Day programs also in Brussels.

## The Fourth in Japan.

The Japanese, like the French, join enthusiastically in the Independence Day spirit of Americans resident in their country. The Fourth of July in Yokohama has become an annual event of unusual gaiety. High native officials and members of the American colony sit down together to discuss a sumptuous banquet at the Grand Hotel. The entire bay is illuminated in honor of the holiday. Several Fourth's ago a huge American flag, gracing the illumination as a centerpiece, was repeatedly cheered by thousands of Japanese.

As a matter of fact, Uncle Sam celebrates his birthday with greater formality and ceremony in foreign capitals than he does in his own. But it was not ever thus. In the days when the republic was in swaddling clothes the military distributed about Washington fired salutes at sunrise, noon and sunset, and during the morning paraded in front of the White House. Here, after going through a program of evolutions, they saluted the President, who stood out upon his portico to review the ceremony.

He then hopped into his coach of state, and escorted by these boys in blue, rode to the Capitol to hear the Declaration of Independence read by the orator of the day.

July 4 then enjoyed an undisputed supremacy over New Year as the President's most brilliant court day. The New Year reception was repeated the afternoon of the glorious Fourth, and all of the military officers and foreign diplomats donned their gaudiest uniforms for the trip to the White House and back.

Later officialdom was wont to gather at one of the taverns and toast itself under the table. At one of these Independence Day banquets, held at Steeles, in 1802, eighteen toasts were made and to each toast a cannon was fired. President Jefferson sent over from the White House a generous chunk of his famous "mammoth cheese," which admirers in Cheshire, Mass., had sent to him in a dray drawn by six horses.

**President Escorted by Schoolgirls.**

One of the Independence Day processions which escorted President John Quincy Adams to the Capitol consisted of a squadron of cavalry and a float carrying a seminary of gayly attired young ladies, one representing each of the four and twenty States of the Union. This was in 1825, and it is recorded that the President rode to the Capitol "with his secretary, the reader of the Declaration of Independence and the orator of the day." During these July days the second Adams was suffering with the heat, and seeking such relief as he could by taking a daily plunge, soon after daybreak, in the Potomac at the foot of the White House lawn. His successors also came to dread the torrid atmosphere of the ceremonious Fourth, but both Jackson and Van Buren were growled at by the local press upon occasions when they omitted the ceremony or absented themselves from the capital city. Van Buren's offense being committed in 1835, when he spent the Fourth in New York receiving an address at Castle Garden, reviewing troops and riding up Broadway "upon a fine black charger and with a royal air, mangling his steed like a cavalier."

**Drinking Bout at White House.**

On Independence Day, 1845, President Tyler gave a dinner attended by John Quincy Adams, who, in his diary, says of it: "There was turtle soup from a turtle weighing 300 pounds, a present from Key West. The President drank wine with every person at the table in squads." What effect this drinking bout, at so tropical a season, had upon the President and his guests the second Adams does not describe, but he records that later the same evening he was out on the White House square viewing the fireworks.

It was one of these Independence Day observances that finished the career of President Taylor, four years later, or in 1850. He commenced his holiday program in apparently sound health and excellent spirits, and during the day, accompanied by his family and Cabinet, went to the Washington Monument to hear the day's oration, delivered there in the open air. Instead of ice water, on the Monument grounds, he drove home and ate heartily of cherries, which he washed down with generous drafts oficed milk. An hour after dinner, having eaten still more cherries, he was stricken with cholera morbus, which culminated in typhoid, from which he died within a few days.

The White House grounds were the scene of a mammoth Sunday school festival of colored people on the occasion of Lincoln's last Fourth. In 1864, his guests presented him with a large gold-mounted Bible bound in violet-colored velvet.

**Capitol's Fourth Has Changed.**

The Independence Day levee, attended by the diplomats, home officials and general public, was continued for some years later, but went out of vogue after President Grant established the custom of leaving a presidential cottage during the hot term at some summer resort. In recent years the occasion of a President's spending Independence Day in Washington has been very rare, and necessitated only by his awaiting the adjournment of Congress, which, if it then sits on that date, now takes no notice of the natal day of Uncle Sam unless it chooses to adjourn early or unless one of the charming choices to include a reference to the event in his opening prayer.

The National Capital was one of the first of our great cities to go "safe and sane" on the Independence Day proposition thirty years ago. Its juvenile population engages in the White Lot daylight fireworks in the morning and a grand pyrotechnic display in the evening, both exhibitions being of a public nature. The Declaration of Independence is read and the day's oration delivered in front of the District building. Then there are festivals on the public playgrounds, band concerts in the parks and water sports upon the Potomac, the day ending with a grand red-fire illumination of Pennsylvania Avenue, following the fireworks.

Thus Uncle Sam's birthday party in the place of his abode has—due to the torridity of the climate—become a local rather than a national ceremony. (Copyright, 1912, by John Elfreth Watkins.)

## WARRENTON

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Warrenton, Va., June 29.—Mrs. and Mr. William F. Wilbur have returned from Philadelphia and Atlantic City, where they spent some time. Later Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur joined Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Wilbur on a motor trip.

Miss Margaret Parker, of Washington, is the guest of Miss Elizabeth Wilbur at Mrs. J. B. Britton's.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Douglas Wist, of Bordenau France, who have been spending some time with Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Wist, returned to New York on Monday, and will return to France at an early date.

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The Garden Club held its weekly meeting at the home of Mrs. C. Shirley Carter on Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Ruth Carter, who has been spending the winter in Franklin, Tenn., with her sister, Mrs. Thomas Henderson, reached Warrenton this week where she will be the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Kincheloe.

Mrs. E. D. Wertheimer, Misses Ruth and Mary Wertheimer, and Beverly Wertheimer left on Tuesday morning for Toronto, Canada, where they will spend the summer months.

Miss Mary Nelson, who has been the guest of her aunt, Miss Mary Nelson, left on Monday for Atlantic City, where she will spend some time.

Mrs. Chas. W. Smith has returned to Warrenton after a visit to Clismond, and is the guest of Mrs. W. A. Garner.

Mrs. Elizabeth Joffe, of Washington, spent the past week in Warrenton as the guest of Mrs. Smith.

Miss Mary Hughes, of Happaannock county, is a guest of Rev. and Mrs. V. H. Council.

Miss Henry, of Brookland, D. C., and Paul Julien, of Washington, were the recent guests of Miss Elizabeth Hutton.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Tiffany have returned home after a visit to Old Point, where they attended the meeting of the Virginia Bankers' Association.

Mr. Walter Cook, of Baltimore, H. W. Hilgert, of Washington, J. A. C. Groner, of Norfolk, P. D. Linscomb, of Bristol, were among the past week-end visitors to Warrenton.

Mrs. Maud Spicer and children have returned home after a visit of several weeks to Washington.

Colonel J. H. Dorst and Miss Dorst have reached Warrenton for the summer, and are at Neptune Lodge.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Dunn, of Alexandria, spent the past Sunday in Warrenton.

Mrs. Bowle, of Washington, is the guest of Mrs. Hugh Hamilton.

Rev. and Mrs. William H. Laird, of Wilmington, Del., who came to Warrenton for the opening service of St. James's Episcopal Church, and who have been the guests of Dr. and Mrs. M. G. Douglas have returned home.

R. L. Reynolds, of Luray, spent some time in Warrenton the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Selby, of Columbia, S. C., are in Warrenton for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Selby are the guests of Mrs. Wilbur Stone.

Mrs. Jas. P. Jeffries and Walter P. Weyer are among those who visited Washington the past week.

Miss Elizabeth Hutton, Wynward Barker and the Misses Grover were hostesses at the Country Club on Saturday night last at a dance.

Mr. Walter Nelson, of Lynchburg, spent several days the past week with Mrs. G. W. Nelson.

Robert Lee, of Ravenswood, spent Friday last in Warrenton with friends.

Mrs. Harry Garner, of Baltimore, is spending some time with her mother, Mrs. James L. Chamberlain.

Mrs. Sam N. Chamberlain, of Baltimore, and family are the guests of the Misses Edmonds.

Miss Connie Hordern, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Hordern, will sail in July with Mrs. F. A. B. Portman for England, where she will spend several months with relatives.

Miss Dorothy Hordern will visit Pittsburgh and Ocean City, Md., with Mrs. Harry Nesbit.

H. H. Varner, of Warrenton, a student of the University of Virginia, is a member of the party of students who have gone to Southern Kansas to work in the wheat fields. The party will start in Kansas and will work their way up the wheat belt towards the Canadian border.

Rev. Robert A. Gibson, of Richmond, was the guest of General and Mrs. B. D. Spilman, at Elway Hall, near Warrenton, during his visit here.

Mr. and Mrs. Eppa Hutton and Eppa Hutton, Jr., of Richmond, have reached Warrenton, and are the guests of Mrs. M. M. Green.

Mrs. and Miss Dugas, of Augusta, Ga., who have been guests at Carter Hall, left this week for Baltimore.

Miss DeLatre, of Washington, and Miss Christian Carter, of Haymarket, are guests of Mrs. Edward Carter.

Mrs. Pierce Perry and Mrs. Richard Alhult, of Washington, who have been guests at Mrs. W. A. Garner's have returned home.

Miss Caroline Rhett, of Charleston, S. C., spent several days past week with Mrs. E. H. Jackson.

Harold Chamberlain spent several days recently in Baltimore.

The Misses Ivy, of Auburn, were the guests of the Misses Edmonds the past week end.

J. Armistead Boston spent the past week-end in Warrenton with Mrs. F. R. Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dillingham, Miss Dillingham and Messrs. Gowan and Harry, Jr., are spending some time at Virginia Beach, as the guests of Miss Lillie Pollock.

Mrs. E. Askey Cooper entertained on Friday afternoon at "Waverley," near Warrenton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Marshall and Miss Frances Marshall, of Cambridge, Md., are the guests of Mrs. J. R. Sowers.

Miss Hazel Hayden, of Manassas, spent some time in Warrenton the past week.

Misses Hazel Brown, Katherine Snead, Messrs. Noble Snead, Kerfoot and Ogden Brown, of Charlottesville, are members of a house party being given by Miss Caroline and Messrs. Grove and William Parkinson at their home, on High Street, Warrenton.

## SWEET CHALYBEATE

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Sweet Chalybeate Springs, Va., June 29.—This chalybeate resort was never more beautiful than at present. Guests are arriving on every train, the season having begun much earlier than last year.

Bowling, tennis, riding and dancing afford ample recreation. The plunge baths are a source of unending pleasure to the guests. B. F. Eakle, the popular manager, is kept busy greeting old friends who make their annual trips to this famous resort.

Quite a party made a horseback trip to Craig Healing Springs on Friday. Plans are being made for other side trips, including Mountain Lake, next week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Huddleston, accompanied by Bishop Collins Denny, Mrs. Denny and Master Denny, came over from the White Sulphur in their automobile one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Vaughan, Jr., of Chicago, Ill., have arrived. Miss Martha Vaughan, who attended Holy last session, joined the family here.

An automobile party arrived here, consisting of Mrs. L. E. Turner and children, of Powhatan, W. Va.; Miss Rose Clarke, Richmond; William Bowles, Bluefield, W. Va.; E. A. Clark, W. Va.; Pauline Piqua, Bluefield, W. Va.

## BUENA VISTA

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Buena Vista, Va., June 29.—The first dance of the season was given at Cool Heights Friday evening. There were a large number of dancers on the floor, and dancing was kept up until a late hour, after which delicious refreshments were served.

The plans are about complete for the big tournament and celebrating to be held on July Fourth. The outlook for the attendance this year is better than ever before. The day will close with the coronation ball at Cool Heights, which will be the most brilliant social function ever given in the city. The grounds will be illuminated and the ballroom will be appropriately decorated.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Coffey entertained Friday evening in honor of Mrs. Whiteel and Miss Steves, of Roanoke, who are their guests.

Mrs. W. J. Dickinson will have as her guests for the tournament, Miss Sallie Johnson, of Charlottesville, Va., and Miss Carolyn Harlan, of Bel Air, Md.

Miss Minnie Spedden, of Shepherdstown, W. Va., is the guest of Miss Andrew Robey.

E. T. Graybill and W. H. Lanum are spending the week in Baltimore.

Dr. and Mrs. G. T. Divers have returned from their wedding trip and are at Cool Heights for the summer.

Among those from this city who attended the Divers-Martins wedding at Stuart on Wednesday were A. W. Robertson and Miss Gladys Wins.

Mrs. J. M. Willis is spending some time in Danville.

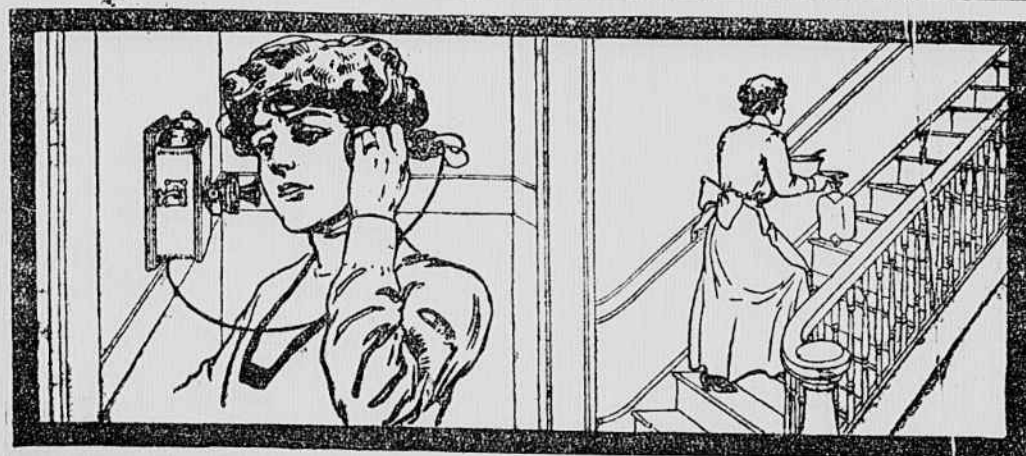
Mrs. D. E. Witt, of Lynchburg, is the guest of Miss Vixella Cunningham, at B. Pwold is spending several days with his mother in Wytheville.

C. P. Graham is spending the week in Lexington, Ky.

Mrs. Richard Booth, of Lynchburg, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. G. P. Zimmerman.

Mrs. J. L. T. Dickinson is spending several days in South Boston.

Frank Smith, of Waynesboro, is at Cool Heights for the summer.



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